

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Divisional of Appln. No. 09/784,207 (Q76145)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-14. (cancelled)

15. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a cartridge casing and a single reel around which a magnetic tape is wound and which is contained in the cartridge casing for rotation, said cartridge casing is provided with a tape outlet opening for extracting the magnetic tape, and said tape outlet opening is provided with an opening and closing slide door, wherein said slide door is provided with an opener portion that abuts against the door opening member of the record and playback apparatus to move said slide door in the opening direction, and a lock portion that engages with an engaging portion of said cartridge casing to lock said slide door in the closed position, and is brought into abutment with the door opening member of the record and playback apparatus to unlock the engaging portion.

16. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge according to Claim 15, wherein a slit groove is formed at each of an upper-end portion and a lower-end portion of a base of the opener portion so that the base of the opener portion has lowered stiffness enabling resilient transform thereof, and wherein a portion between the lock portion and a lead end of the opener portion is inclined so as to project forward.

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17. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge according to Claim 15, wherein the opener portion is transformed in the outward direction with respect to the cartridge casing, unlocking engagement between the locking portion the engaging portion.

18. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein the opener portion is transformed in the outward direction with respect to the cartridge casing, unlocking engagement between the locking portion the engaging portion.

19. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a cartridge casing and a single reel around which a magnetic tape is wound and which is contained in the cartridge casing for rotation, said cartridge casing is provided with a tape outlet opening for extracting the magnetic tape, and said tape outlet opening is provided with an opening and closing slide door, wherein said slide door is provided with an opener portion that abuts against the door opening member of the record and playback apparatus to move said slide door in the opening direction, and a through-hole that serves as an engaging hole formed in a wall of the cartridge casing through which a projecting-type locking member provided with a warped portion is inserted and engaged from inside the cartridge casing to lock the slide door in the closed state, and an unlocking member inserted into the engaging hole from outside the cartridge casing transforms aforementioned warped portion through the projecting-type locking member, whereby the projecting-type locking member is moved to the unlocked position.